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Webster Todd and Eddie Crouch came to see me this morning. Together with Tommy, we discussed various personnel problems in my mission which have been brought to the fore by reductions in force in [redacted]O and FOA French Mission. About half of my staff of 13 officers and 6 secretaries are paid by funds from these two organizations and Treasury. We will have to try to straighten this out in Washington.

Clarence Randall came to see me on his way home from Turkey. He is [redacted] keen about his new position as Chairman of the President's Committee on Economic Foreign Policy.

Harold Callender and I reviewed the European ~~situation in the light of the~~ German elections.

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I sent off the following telegram to Washington today:

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"Adenauer's magnificent victory should enable us to create situation forcing French Government to present EDC for ratification this fall. We should immediately consult with Aldrich, Conant, Dillon, Hughes and other Ambassadors on tactics we might follow to bring this about. Would suggest that at Luxembourg meeting reports be made as to how results of German election have affected ratification prospects in countries involved. Am leaving for Germany tonight to see Conant and Chancellor. Our first problem, assuming ratification debate in French Assembly this Fall, is to begin immediately to help resolve those remaining conditions French Government has explicitly or implicitly established to ratification of EDC Treaty.

"1. On Saar problem, believe Chancellor should as soon as practicable negotiate at Laniel/Bidault level. A French-German agreement on Saar may be very

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